

## **Identification of Priority Sites for Conservation in the Northern Gulf of Mexico - An Ecoregional Plan**

### **Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries**

#### **I. BASIC PLAN DATA**

**Plan name:**

Identification of Priority Sites for Conservation in the Northern Gulf of Mexico - An Ecoregional Plan

**Brief description of plan:**

Identifies 21 priority sites for the conservation of biodiversity in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. For each site, specific target habitats and species are discussed, as well as current threats. The plan divides the Ecoregion into three subregions: Laguna Madre to Galveston Bay TX, Sabine Lake, LA to Mobile Bay, AL, and Perdido, AL to Anclote Keys, FL.

**Region the plan is located within:**

Gulf of Mexico Region

**Watershed(s) included within the plan:**

**Area plan covers (in square miles):**

square miles

**Plan scale:**

Multi-state

**Plan's lead organization(s):**

The Nature Conservancy

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**On-line version of plan:**

[www.conserveonline.org/2001/02/b/en/gulf.pdf](http://www.conserveonline.org/2001/02/b/en/gulf.pdf)

**Date of original plan:**

10/2000

## **II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Plan includes restoration goals:** N

**Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:**

Y

**Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:**

N

**Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:**

Y

**Partners included in developing the plan:**

Federal  
State  
Academia  
Foundations

**Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:**

Held public workshops, meetings, open house, or scoping meetings  
Developed a Web site to inform public and/or seek public input  
Kept a contact list of interested parties  
Mailed or e-mailed information to a contact list  
Distributed brochures or other materials

**Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):**

Y

**Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:**

Y

**Summary of the discussion:**

How to identify places; how to separate habitats to better target and restore; under-valued implementation of sponge and soft coral in the region; connectivity between prairie and dead zone

**Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:**

Y

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:**

**Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:**

N

**The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area:**

Y

**Other plan names:**

LA Coast 2050, variety of NEP plans, TX Big Bend Plan, Mobile Bay, NEERS plans

**Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):**

Y

**Summary of this habitat information:**

Current extent of restoration sites with a spatial database- historical aspects discussed.